

If through the exposition of the word and presentation of the condition of the world any are led to contribute of their means it is but pleasing to God, and gratifying to the officials of the Board, otherwise there is neither blessing nor satisfaction in receiving money. Our giving ought to be intelligently done, by consecrated hearts, who send their prayers with their gift. Having this view in mind there was no effort made to raise money, simply opportunity given for all to contribute as they were moved by the spirit of God.

We were received with kind hearts and open hands, in fact I was treated more kindly than I treat myself. The attention accorded me was often very touching to me, and I thank the dear brethren and sisters from the deepest recesses of my heart for their kindness and love.

It is the generous, kind-heartedness of our people that encourages me to press on in the mission to which God has called me. I know that when a people as good-hearted as the Brethren people are, once get aroused to the real needs of suffering humanity in the "regions beyond," and fully understand that they are responsible to the extent of their ability to alleviate distress, that there will be a good work done; thus far most of us do not feel any sense of responsibility further than our congregations. There are a few vital truths that should be constantly kept before us. One is "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son," not only the United States and England, but all the world. Another is that he commanded us to "go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." "And lo," he said, "I will be with you even unto the end of the world." True, this commission was given to the apostles, but it was not to stop there. His presence was to be given to the end of the world (or age) and the apostles died in the first century, so they cannot go any more, hence if there is any going to be done to the end of the age, we which are alive will have to do it. Again the Savior says, "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations, and then shall the end come" Matt. 24:14, and as the end has not come yet, that is positive evidence that the gospel has not been preached to all the world yet. Rom. 10:13-15, clearly shows who is responsible for the performance of the work of God. Several years ago the dear Lord mightily pressed these simple plain truths home to my heart. I then consecrated my life to this purpose of God, and by his help shall continue to pursue the work. I am happy to know that the president and secretary of your Board are in sympathy with these views, and I believe that the whole Board to be a unit in the work. While a wider work and field is the objective a substantial home work must be established and maintained. I believe that the nearest and most successful way into the "regions beyond" is by way of a well endowed school,

and Publishing House, thus to train consecrated workers, and develop literature.

The twentieth century call of our editor should have a most ready response. Let the brethren everywhere prayerfully consider the matter until next conference and then come together prepared to raise the needed endowments, and thus place our institutions in a position to do effective work.

I found the Mission in Chicago in a hopeful condition, the attendance not very large, but made up of substantial material. Churches do not grow like mushrooms; if they do they are like them, soon spoil.

I had expected to visit Ashland before my return home, but upon receiving tidings that my wife was greatly suffering from a fractured or sprained ankle I hurried home. She is bed fast and has much pain, but we are hopeful that she will be on her feet again in the course of a month or so. Praise the Lord for his goodness. He is precious whether it is well or whether it is ill with us.

JACOB C. CASSEL.

## Church News

Philadelphia, Pa.

We began our revival meeting last night here and it will continue until February the 5th. Being away so much for the last two years there was a little slacking up of our work here, hence it will take much prayer and work to get a great interest aroused. We had first thought of trying to get an evangelist to give us a spiritual boom. But at last we decided that we would do more praying and harder work and trust the Lord for great things. We have been trying to organize our work better. We have a large K. C. of C. E. recently organized. Last Sunday it was the largest and best we have yet had. We are also organizing a junior choir of some thirty or more members. We expect to reorganize our Senior Endeavor this week. Our Sunday-school was the largest last Sunday it has been for months. Our Women's Society is doing better work than ever before and the congregations were larger last Sunday than for some time, hence we are much encouraged. We never expect many conversions during revivals here as it is not at all as in the country. It is almost impossible to get sinners out thro the week. Secret societies, theatres, balls are the curse of the city. We must make our strong hits on Sunday here. Thro the week our meetings prove very effectual in the way of reviving a work of grace in the hearts of believers.

My reason for writing this article is to make you acquainted enough with our work to pray intelligently and fervently for us. We ask every person who has power with God to daily pray for our work here. We see the need of more earnest prayer. We have been spending several hours a day upon our faces before God and he is hearing and answering our prayers. We desire the whole brotherhood to join us in prayer. Every Sunday morning we have a sweet

prayer meeting from 6 to 7 A. M. We also daily remember our church at large, the world wide missionary interests, college, publishing interests, and mission board, as well as general missions. Brethren pray for us daily.

ISAAC D. BOWMAN.

### Indiana and Michigan Items

Dec. 18, marked the close of my work at Brighton, Ind., having served them as pastor for two years. This being my first charge I shall always look to Brighton as the real beginning of my ministry, tho occasionally I preached a sermon before accepting the work. As to results of my work only one soul united with the church, yet I do not feel my labor lost as Brother Teeter and Bauman each held a meeting during my pastorate and as a combined result forty were added to the church in the two years, and we lost only a few members.

The work is now under charge of Brother Bauman. May God prosper the work and build up his Zion not only here but everywhere is my prayer.

I am now located at North Manchester and shall work where and how as God may direct.

Corinth, Ind. Began work here with conference year, and shall devote half of my time to the work here during rest of the conference year. Expect to see much good accomplished during the year. Have elected Brother Reed as corresponding secretary who will note progress of work.

New Troy, Mich. Began work here with the calendar year and shall devote one-fourth of my time to the work here. Here is a church alive to her duty, well organized in all departments of work. Surely the reaping will follow the sowing. Just at this time a wave of doctrinal discussion is sweeping over the village. Brethren, if we have any claim to exist as a distinct organization it surely is because of the doctrine we hold.

May the doctrines of Jesus find lodgment in our soul and be ingrained in our very lives. If it is, then are we Christ's disciples and brethren indeed.

Campbell, Mich. Shall devote one-fourth of my time to the work here during the present calendar year. Brother Clark, State Evangelist, has been giving us several meetings and I shall continue indefinitely. We intend to denounce sin as never before and point men to the uplifted one. The field here in Michigan is great, and surely needs reapers and also sowers. We pray for power to help us do our duty in fearlessly proclaiming the word of God. May a mighty work be done here in Jesus' name is my desire and prayer.

WM. H. MILLER.

North Manchester, Ind.

### Milford, Ind.

Our protracted meeting is going along nicely. Three accessions the first week and a good crowd every night; one reclaimed the first of the year and one before the meeting commenced.

MRS. W. J. ORN.